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JUST two years ago THE HERALD changed the cut of its garments. With this issue THE HERALD dons a new gown. The gown has been selected and patterned in the hope of winning approval from those for whose admiration alone THE HERALD poses—our Alumni. Do you like

for us. Mr. Jackson has always taken a personal interest in THE HERALD, sparing no pains to perfect it, and it is to him we owe that mechanical excellence which gives it a place beside the best of our exchanges.

Perhaps, there is no better time than this to express thanks for the



the color? the trimming? the fit? They were designed especially to please you.

Credit for the new departure must be given to Dr. Waller and the trustees who smiled approval; as well as to Mr. Owens, our business manager, and Mr. Walter Jackson '86, editor of The Gazette, who prints the paper

kindly words of appreciation so often sent by the Alumni this last year. The editor is, as ever, glad to receive suggestions which will add to the value of the paper or further the interests of our school.

“YOU may lead a horse to water, but you cannot make him drink.” So says an old and tried

adage. But the students at Indiana are not that kind. They know a good thing when they see it. And no where do they show their general intelligence more forcibly than in the willingness with which most of them grasp the opportunities offered here for the purpose of putting them in touch with the best thought of the larger outside world.

That is why there have been such good audiences this winter at an exceptionally fine set of lectures, calculated not simply to amuse, but to inspire and uplift.

Through the efforts of Prof. Hammers, Ernest Seton-Thompson came to us early in the season, and his lecture was a real treat. Beside that, there were the beautiful pictures and the calls of the wild creatures of the woods. At the close everyone had been brought into closer touch with our brothers in furs and feathers.

Later, the Shakespeare Club invited the school to Dr. Winship's charming talk on Lowell and Longfellow, which left delightful impressions of the personality of the two men.

In January the entire school attended a lecture by Booker Washington, given in Library Hall under the auspices of the school. Booker Washington is so simple, so human, so earnest, that he holds an audience by the mere force of his personality. If those who listened failed to get a broader view of the duties of citizenship, a deeper realization of personal responsibility for opportunity, and stronger sympathy for the people of the south, the fault was with the hearers; for certainly, no other students of Indi-

ana have been so fortunate in the hearing.

Last but not least, come the University Lectures by Charles Zeublin, of the University of Chicago.

Prof. Zeublin has a strong, genial, wholesome personality, somewhat in contrast with that of the ideal college professor, but well suited to one who champions the study and reform of social matters — reform conditioned much more closely than most of us know by physical wholeness.

These lectures are packed full of valuable information and suggestion. They treat of topics intimately connected with everyday life. Their object is social betterment of every kind.

Withal, they are so simply and pleasantly presented that we understand and enjoy them, scarcely appreciating the ability required to bring far reaching principles, and the fruit of research down to the ken of common minds.

So, looking out from our home amongst the hills, storm-bound though we be, we extend a voice of sympathy to our less fortunate Alumni of the towns.

The Trip to Washington.

It was a very merry party that boarded the train at the Indiana station on Monday morning, December 16. Seventy-two bright and happy faces were turned towards Washington, to view the Capital City at the height of the winter season. Two special cars were provided for the trip and in a short time after starting everybody was made comfortable; and

though there was a somewhat tiresome wait at Blairsville Intersection, the gay spirits of the party rose superior to such a trifling annoyance and when the train which was to carry the excursion finally arrived and we were borne on our way, on every hand could be heard laughter and jest and song. At 8:45 p. m. the train reached Washington City and the party was driven to the Hotel Elsmere. Here Prof. J. L. Apple whose smiling face was radiant with greeting, together with Congressman and Mrs. Jack welcomed their Normal friends. After dinner, an hour was spent in social enjoyment in the spacious parlors of the hotel, and then all were glad to retire, to rest after the long journey.

On Tuesday morning the actual sight-seeing began. Taking a car at the door of the hotel, we were carried to the Capitol building where a jolly guide piloted us through and explained everything. The grandeur of the dome, and corridors, the splendor of the paintings and frescoes, the massive stairways, and the stateliness of the whole building can be realized only by those who have seen with their own eyes. From the Capitol we went to the Congressional Library and on every side we were made to feel that the hand of the artist had been at work. Months might profitably be spent where we were permitted to linger but a few hours.

In the afternoon the whole party made the trip to Mt. Vernon and Arlington. Surely love of country and the spirit of true patriotism were deepened as we viewed the cemetery of the nation's heroes and the home of the Father of his Country. We shall al-

ways cherish the memories of the trip to Washington's beautiful home and to the more stately mansion and grounds at Arlington.

On Wednesday the program was as follows:—Visit the Fish Commission, National Museum, Smithsonian Institution, Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Washington Monument, Navy Yards and Congress. Then on Thursday, a visit to the Corcoran Art Gallery, State, War and Navy building, Treasury building, and White House, a trip on the Seeing Washington Cars, and an evening spent in the Halls of the Ancients, made a full day's program. Many, indeed all, of these sights are worthy of mention in detail, but we must refrain for want of space. When the train left on Friday morning, everyone had the feeling that the days had gone all too rapidly, and that weeks might be spent in revelling in the sights and pleasures of Washington.

Normal Nonsense.

There was a sage person at Normal,
Whose replies were exceedingly formal;
When asked, "Do you dance?"
He replied, "I can prance!"—
That peculiar young person at Normal.
I know a large boy in the "Tory,"
Who has a marvelous story;
He eats twenty mince pies
And for forty he cries—
That constrictor-like boy in the "Tory"
There was a young youth who said, "Why,
To work should I any more try?
I will stand in the Hall
To be within call
Should the maidens need
Help from ——— by by!"
I knew some gay students called "Middlers,"
Not at all because they were fiddlers.
For companions they sighed
But not one of them tried
To be anything else but plain Middlers.
There was a young girl who grew savage,
If you asked, "Wont you just try the
cabbage?"
If you offered her rice,
She would faint in a trice,
So much was she like a real savage.

Professional Department.

The educational trend of the twentieth century seems to be toward industrial education—the education of the brain through the education of the body. Booker Washington at Tuskegee has proved this to be a fact for the negro but we are coming to see it is of immensely wider application. One can hardly take up a current magazine without reading articles illustrating this.

Education from books will not be undervalued in the future but a right value will be placed upon it and its true limitation known. Every experienced teacher knows the stages of development in children in which bodily activity must precede and be associated with the study of books—and defective children can often be educated only through the hand and the muscular sense.

Many experiments are illustrating the moral and mental effectiveness of bodily training. One of the most widely known is the "George Junior Republic" where "tough" boys from New York are made self-respecting through orderly bodily habits and self-government. The January Cosmopolitan gives an interesting account of the Roycrofters of East Aurora, N. Y.—an experiment to utilize the waste energy of idle youths in country towns.

Vacation schools, begun a few years ago in many of our large cities, have proved their right to existence by their effective work—and all progressive

schools now include in their course of study, manual training, cooking, and sewing.

At the last Mothers' Meeting at Model as a topic in touch with the times "Value and Care of the Special Senses" was discussed. Mrs. Riddle had studied up the subject from reports of studies of children and gave statistics as to results of neglect and ignorance, and suggestions as to how mothers and teachers may work together to help the children.

Much done under the name of experiment is worthless and so new lines of work in education are often characterized as fads and conservative teachers wisely bide their time before adopting them. So it has been with much work done under the name of Child Study—but when some of its conclusions are published in our best magazines by G. Stanley Hall of Clark University and when Mr. Search's new book, "An Ideal School," is published by D. Appleton & Co. in the International Education Series with an editorial by Dr. Harris, then we realize that Child Study is to be taken seriously by the educational world and our first duty as teachers is to read its conclusions and ponder them in our hearts.

From Dr. Harris's editorial some brief extracts may be quoted: "Criticisms and new experiments keep alive the work of education, just as in other matters," "It is well to enter upon

the reading of books of educational reform. Nothing is more stimulating to the teacher;—but he should supplement this reading by a reading of the history of education that he sees the outcome of reforms and can understand their strong and weak points.”

“All books written by earnest thinkers in the way of criticism on existing systems have their use in exciting thought in the minds of teachers, who for the most part are following routine methods.”

In Dr. Hall's introduction to the same book he says, “It is, on the whole, a book I wish I could have written myself; and I can think of no single educational volume in the whole wide range of literature in this field that I believe so well calculated to do so much good at the present time, and which I could so heartily advise every teacher in the land, of whatever grade, to read and ponder.”

In the next edition of THE HERALD we will review the book and in the meanwhile we hope as many of our graduates as can will read it. In chapter III on The Losses of the School there are many facts stated that come home to us with vital force and which can prove immediately suggestive to us in our own schools.

“Education can never be regarded as truly scientific until it guarantees to every student *better health* consequent of his attendance upon school.” “Children have no business with headache at all and, if you find that these occur frequently in any school, you may depend on it there is something wrong there.” “Remove the incen-

tives to cram and overtension, give the school children pure air, freedom of movement, good food, and plenty of sleep, vitalize their work by living interest and it is simply remarkable how much mental activity the brain will sustain.”

Results of scientific investigation of fatigue in children and adolescents:

1. The value of the short lesson period.
2. The value of the change or alternation of hard work.
3. The great difference in children in power to recuperate.
4. The decidedly exhaustive effects of both written and oral examinations.
5. The very slight drain on the system of manual labor.
6. The strain on the child of learning by heart.
7. The importance of Monday and Tuesday for the best work.
8. The need of Wednesday as a half-holiday.
9. The advantage of the morning over the afternoon.
10. Rest or recreation periods should increase as the day advances.
11. Mathematics and foreign languages are the most fatiguing subjects.
12. The desirability of shorter, more frequent vacations. “Physical Nature of the Child.”—Rowe.

Prof. A. H. Yoder has made a minute study of the boyhood of fifty eminent men of modern times—most of them men of the nineteenth century. It is related that every one of them was fond of play, active in it, in his boyhood.

Normal Notes.

Our snow shed (ignorant persons call it a fence) which this year extends to the Model School, has been a source of gratification to the Middler and the Way-faring man. The Way-faring man rejoices that the snow drifts lie west or east and not in front of him. The Middler, book in hand and oblivious of the weather, studies the formation of dunes and geological strata.

Mr. Carter made us a short visit during the holidays. He has the western fever and it agrees with him. He reports a fine library at Greeley, Col., Normal School, used largely as a work shop by all the students, who use the laboratory method in the study of History. Literature and allied subjects. All shelves are open.

Dr S. C. Schmucker spent the evening of October 31 at Indiana. Many changes have taken place at Indiana, since he was last here, but he finds them all for the better.

Chapel essays! How many a tale that title tells! At present we have them on Monday evening after the regular chapel service. They are properly set with music and recitations, and receive the undivided attention of a deeply interested audience. At last the chapel essay has "come to its own."

On the evening of the 31st of January, Mr. Jaques ran over from Johnstown to Normal to spend Sabbath. He reports interest on the part of the Johnstown people in the manual training work, and a fine prospect for its

further development at that place.

Miss Leonard entertained several times this term in honor of Mr. Zueblin, of Chicago.

To supply the demand for class rooms, the old type-writing room has been fitted up and the books moved up to the library annex. Mr. Owens' classes recite in the 'lower regions.'

By the new plan, students are no longer required to buy tickets for school lectures or athletics. Each student pays two dollars a term, or five dollars a year for these privileges, and satisfaction is general.

Speaking of examinations—one of our college boys writes, "Before I have one, I go to bed every night sharp at 10:30, and it pays; I wake up next morning fresh for work."

Greek and Roman history are now a part of our curriculum. Alumni who found the Greek and Roman stories at Model School such a bug-bear will appreciate this. So, also, will college boys who found Myers' General History the smallest unit for entrance.

Many ask, "What are the marks of a 'Middler,' as he walks your halls today?" Our Special Artist replies, "Small sized head, fine muscular development, steady poise, feminine type, an expression classic and amiable, but somewhat anxious." By these signs you know him (or her) from a Senior.

At present the Seniors suffer from a longing which, alas! can never be satisfied. No picture was taken of

their sleighing party. It was only half a sleigh ride, after all !

Mrs. Riddle spent January 26 and 27 in Pittsburg, assisting Mrs. Daugherty in buying furniture for her new home.

Mrs. Hubbard sent a contribution to the Bazar from Lansing. She says her time is as well filled as of old, only it is no longer essays, but social and editorial duties that keep her busy.

There are compensations. If the Seniors didn't have their pictures taken, they *did* break down the seats !

Miss Clark spent the Christmas vacation with a sister in Washington, D. C.

Great success has rewarded unremitting effort to lessen the time required by students and faculty in coming from their rooms to the dining room. It has been reduced from 30 to 15 minutes chiefly through an acceleration of speed which, however, still remains within the safety limit. Further suggested improvements are the tunneling of various impedimenta usually found at the north dining room door before meals, and the use of a pneumatic current from the elevator to the middle of the dining room. This is truly the age of science.

So many stormy Sabbaths have necessitated services in the chapel several times. Students all enjoy "home church."

Those taking second year German at Normal are now completing what corresponds with two years work in

some of the best colleges. Students whose programs admit of a two years' German course at Indiana are fortunate.

It would be a mistake to consider this faculty behind the times. If they took their sleigh ride last, it was only because the roads were smoother, the moonlight brighter and the chickens better. Salt cannot be placed upon the tail of an old bird.

Among the many good talks Dr. Waller has given the students this term, none was perhaps more needed than one upon the habit of encoring, common in the school. He pointed out the capacity for discrimination as an essential in an implied compliment.

The health of the student body has been unusually good this winter. Probably, the fine quality of the atmosphere and the half-day session are both factors in this result.

Miss Sawyer finds Emerson College much improved in its new quarters, and is as enthusiastic as ever over the opportunities offered by both College and City.

Amongst the guests at Normal during the vacation were Mr. Horace Carmalt, Mr. James Hammers and Mr. Wallace Stewart.

The choruses mentioned in the last HERALD have given several selections before the school. Their work differs from the ordinary chorus, as the pleasantly modulated voice of a good reader differs from the high-keyed monotonous voice of the unintelligent reader. Such work is a revelation to some.

Christian Association Notes.

For several years past, the evening before Thanksgiving has been the occasion of a very delightful entertainment, given by the Christian Association of the school. The entertainment this year was no exception to the high standard of excellence reached in former years. The first part of the program consisted of the following tableaux:

1. Pri-cilla and John Alden.
2. In Love.
3. The Minuet.
4. The Chorister Boys.
5. Marguerite.
6. Antony and Cleopatra.
7. A Proposal.
8. Diana.
9. A Reading from Homer.

Then followed Romberg's "KINDER-Symphonie," by an orchestra of girls.

In part third, the audience had the pleasure and novelty of witnessing "A Japanese Wedding" in pantomime. It is said on good authority that in the real ceremony not a word is spoken, so that the pantomime is really a correct representation. It proved a very interesting ceremony.

The annual bazaar of the Y. W. C. A., which was held Monday evening, January 6, was a success in every way. There were many beautiful things to attract the eye and tempt the purse, and as usual the students responded very generously. The evening was given up to social enjoyment, it being the evening for the usual reception to new students. No formal reception had been planned, but all had a pleasant time.

A new feature of the Bible Study work of the Y. W. C. A. is a Teachers' Class, organized this term, and

conducted by Dr. Waller. It is intended primarily for the benefit of the leaders of the Bible classes; but others, among whom are several members of the Faculty, have expressed a desire to join the class. This affords an opportunity for Bible study of which many will be glad to avail themselves.

Pedagogical Club.

The talks before the Club this term have been given by Miss Waller and Miss Waldo. Miss Waller gave an account of the work done in the Domestic Science department of Pratt Institute, Brooklyn. She appeared in the costume required of students doing that work—a short cotton gown with white linen cuffs, cap, collar and apron. The talk was a very delightful one and enlightened the company greatly as to the aims and methods of this special line of work in the foremost institution of its kind in the United States.

Miss Waldo gave an illustrated talk to explain the method of vocal culture which she adopts. Her choruses have shown so markedly the unusual excellence of the method, that the Club was interested to learn something more of it. Since hearing her, we look hopefully forward to an addition to our usual program in the form of a faculty chorus.

The reports on educational articles have been unusually interesting, and draw attention to the fact of widespread interest in education as shown by the varied magazines in which these articles appear. The Forum has furnished some of the best articles of the year.

With Our Alumni.

DEAR ALUMNI:

Please read what is written here and when you have read it, ponder on it, and when you have pondered weigh it, and when you have weighed it, *act* upon it.

ITEM ONE—Send news for the Alumni column to Miss Jane Leonard.

ITEM TWO—If you wish the paper, or desire the address changed, send a postal to that effect to Miss Rose Weaver.

ITEM THREE—If you wish to communicate with the editor of the HERALD, address Miss Edith Mansfield.

By observing the above, you will confer a great favor upon all connected with the management of the HERALD.

Marriages.

Anna M. Grassel '88, was married on the third of July, 1901, to Mr. J. P. McDonald, of Sewickley, Penn. Her bridesmaid was Miss Idella Walker '92. Mrs. McDonald lives at 412 Beaver street, Sewickley, where she is ready to give to all Normalites an unusually cordial welcome. Loyalty to her Alma Mater is the hall mark of a good Normal girl and Mrs. McDonald is not a whit behind the best.

Mr. Milton B. Roller and Miss Janet E. Hoerle '97, were married December 31st, 1901, in Johnstown. A year or two ago Miss Hoerle went to California to study in Leland Stanford University with work as a teach-

er. There she met a happier destiny than the one she had planned. Both the dear girls named above take with them to their California homes the love and good wishes of the HERALD.

Married at Johnstown, November 14th, 1901, David Irwin Rowe '89, to Miss Dorothy Meta Herzberger. Mr. Rowe is president of Rowe College and well known in the business community of Johnstown.

Married, November 12th, 1901, at the home of her mother, 206 Shady avenue, Pittsburg, Nellie Edna Steck to Walter Byron Lloyd. The HERALD sends love and congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd.

Lydia D. Miller '93, was married to Rev. Owen Elwood Hotle on November 20th, 1901. Rev. and Mrs. Hotle will be at home to their friends in Oakland, Cal.

Deaths.

Died, Nov. 2nd, 1901, at Edgewood Park, Pittsburg, Mrs. Jennie McConnell McKeever '87. Miss McConnell was married in April, 1900 to Mr. Lacy Scott McKeever. The year previous to her marriage she spent in Denver with the hope of recovering from an attack of pneumonia but the hope was vain as the disease developed into tuberculosis and after the birth of her son last June she was never able to be about again. The circumstances of her life were particularly happy; she had everything to live for, but God called her and she died the

beautiful Christian girl she was while we all knew her in Indiana.

Frank J. Weamer, '90, died at the home of his father, Andrew Weamer, near Plumville, Indiana Co., on Jan. 5th, 1902. His death was due to consumption and his illness covered a period of several months. Last fall he went west and located at Fort Collins, Col., in the hope of recovering his lost health. For a time his condition seemed to improve but he suffered a relapse and the decline was rapid. He is survived by his wife and three small children. The funeral services were conducted at the home of his parents and interment followed in the Lutheran church cemetery near Plumville.

Personals.

Alumni who knew Mr. and Mrs. Sproull will be glad to read the following sketch by Mrs. Sproull, published in the "*Crucible*," Greeley, Col.:

AN UNSETTLED QUESTION.

Near nine o'clock of an August night, after the new moon has slipped sleepily down in the west and the stars are shining yellow in the blue sky like buttons on a soldier's coat, there is a gathering in the linden tree. It is a family party—the occasion will be vitally interesting. The guests are seated, when an old fellow rises—one fancies him portly, smiling, eye-glass in hand and announces blandly, but authoritatively, with rasp of wing: *She-did; Ka-ty-Did!*

The antiphony is ready, a high, feminine chorus—surely there are rustlings, and whisperings, and flut-

terings of fans—shocked, determined, *crescendo: She didn't! She didn't! She didn't.*

GRACE SPROULL.

T. L. Gibson '90, who has been the very successful superintendent of the Cambria county schools, for the last two terms, has announced that he will not be a candidate for re election. At the recent County Institute a handsome gold watch and chain were presented to him by the teachers of the county. Mr. Gibson, in his happy words of thanks to the teachers, assured them that with such evidences of their confidence and esteem it would be harder than ever for him to retire from his work among them. H. S. Bender '93, principal of one of the Johnstown schools, aspires to succeed Mr. Gibson. Mr. Bender is an unusually fine teacher and an intelligent educator. The office will be well filled if he should be elected.

Miss Annie Klingensmith '83, has published her second book, entitled, "Household Stories for Little Readers." As the name suggests, this book is for very youthful readers, being a re-production, in the simplest form, of our common household stories, together with the most familiar myths. The stories are intended to be read by children in connection with language, nature, and history work. The manuscript of the book has been used for some years in the public schools of several of our Western Cities, and has met with the hearty approval it deserves. We congratulate Miss Klingensmith on her past achievements, and wish her future success.

Mr. George T. Statler '79, has been

elected treasurer of Weld county, Colorado. He was seven hundred ahead of the next highest on the ticket. He and John C. Hanna, of the same class, went to Colorado in the spring of 1882 to embark in a western newspaper enterprise, in which venture they accumulated much experience and a fair amount of wisdom in exchange for their cash. The cash disappeared but the other items are still available. Mr. Hanna is a successful lawyer now in Colorado Springs, and Mr. Statler has, for years, been a well-to-do business man in Greeley.

Upon entering the University of Michigan last fall as a Freshman, Miss Pearl Bash '92, was given credit with one year's work in English. She was the only Freshman elected to the editorial staff of the *Bulletin*—a University paper. Later she was chosen to represent the *Bulletin* in the *News Letter*. Last week Miss Bash was surprised by her instructor in English, who told her that he had read all of the forty five essays which she had written since entering the school, and had found that she was prepared to enter the Senior class.

A number of girls of Pittsburg and Allegheny, of '00 and '01, have organized a club. Their first meeting was held at the home of Miss Ella Pfordt, Tremont street, Allegheny. It is the plan to combine fancy work and a literary program and these friendly girls are sure to have a good time. The next will be at the home of Miss Lill Douglass '01, on the third Saturday of February.

Jessie Macrum '86, is at last permanently resident in America. Her

husband, Prof. Matthews, has accepted a chair in Chicago University, The *Century* for March will contain an article from his pen upon the nature of his work in the University.

Ruth A. Work '97, is making an extended visit to her sister, Mary Work Hogg '87, in Oxford, England. Through her relatives, Prof. and Mrs. Hogg, she is seeing a good deal of the University life and society. She expects to return home in the spring.

Prof. Condron '92, is principal of the new school at Conemaugh, which was erected at a cost of \$40,000 and comprises nineteen rooms. Mr. Condron is about to hold a local institute, which some of the Normal teachers are to attend.

Among the members of '01, who are expected to return in the spring term are: D. Edwin Butler, Homer B. Means, Howard C. Dick, Ebert T. Simpson and William Keener, as is, also M. J. Bracken, of Gallitzin.

Oram C. Lytle '98, is engaged with the Scranton Glass Manufacturing Co., at Moosic, Penn. Will F. Elkin, of the same class, is assistant manager of this plant.

Mr. H. Andrew Loraditch '99, has accepted a position as assistant principal and teacher of manual training in the high school at Oakland, Garrett county, Md.

We have just learned that A. G. Bantly '98, found that he needed a partner in his thriving business at Windber. Our best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Bantly.

Miss Alice McNeelis '01, who has been teaching in Johnstown, has re-

signed her school and entered the convent of St. Aloysius at Cresson.

Miss Bess E. Hammond, musical course, '00, and who is now studying at Oberlin, was the pianist at the Westmoreland county institute.

Our former pupil, John Brallier, who is in the graduating class at Medico Chi., has been elected president of his class.

Miss Olive Otterson '01, was elected, during the past month, to a position in the Second ward schools, of Allegheny, Pa.

Miss Corabelle Siebert '01, who has been teaching at Irwin has accepted a position in the Wilkinsburg schools.

Mr. Steele Bryan, a former student, has been re-elected president of the Mandolin and Guitar club of W. & J. college.

William M. Jack '87, has charge of the Presbyterian congregations at Birmingham and Warrior's Mark.

Ira D. Hyskell '98, visited Normal on the 7th. Mr. Hyskell expects to enter Harvard in September.

Charles M. Hammer '00, has been elected to the principalship of Adams street school in Johnstown.

Miss Martha McCreight '99, is taking a course in music in Pittsburg and teaching at the same time.

The engagement of Miss Pauline Bing '95, to Mr Ed. Rosenthal, of Pittsburg, is announced.

Miss Elizabeth Haines '00, has been elected assistant principal of Ben Avon Schools.

Will Jack is on the track team at Yale.

The Westmoreland Banquet.

The Westmoreland County Alumni of the Indiana Normal School held their annual banquet in Kuhn's Hall, Greensburg, Pa., Wednesday evening, December 18, 1901.

More than a hundred of our Alumni and friends were there.

After a bountiful banquet, speeches and music followed.

Dr. Waller, presiding, announced that Miss Gertrude Clark would sing. She was much appreciated and heartily encored

J. Wood Clark responded in his happiest manner for the Trustees.

Mr. C. N. Hesler sang a baritone solo with great skill.

Miss Cochran, who is entitled to great credit for the successful way in which she managed the affairs of the evening, read an original poem by Rev. Dr. I. P. McCurdy '76.

Dr. Schmucker, who is so well and favorably known, responded in a very pleasant speech.

A solo by Miss Madge Wilty, which was very well received, ended that part of the program.

Good orchestra music followed and the night was danced and talked away, all voting it the best banquet they had ever held. The strength of a school is certainly in its Alumni and the school is proud of such loyalty and friendship as we find among our Alumni.

Literary Society Notes.

If "what everyone says is true" then the Erodelphians scored an unqualified success in their open meeting held January 18, 1902.

Mr. Seaton, president of the society, forecast the success of the performance in the direct and forceful expression of his address.

Mrs. Blair followed with a vocal solo, and appreciation of her talent was manifest in the cordial reception she received.

The Erodelphians presented the bright and popular farce, "Mr. Bob," in a way that gave genuine pleasure.

The acquisition of knowledge is not all of education. In the history of the world the drama and dramatic art have been most potent factors in the education of mankind.

Therefore we delight in a creditable performance of this kind as indicative of development and culture.

Mr. Orrin Williams absorbed the character of Philip Royson admirably and won hearty applause.

Mr. A. T. Murray as Mr. Brown showed skill in character drawing. Mr. Murray has the temperament to easily enlist the sympathy of the audience and his evident popularity was a well merited tribute to strong work.

Mr. Radcliffe's difficult role of Jenkins was well played. We saw the dignified butler in every turn and felt that Mr. Radcliffe had an intelligent mastery of the character.

Miss Heck's part as Rebecca Luke, was well-sustained. Even "cats on

the brain" did not disturb her usual poise.

Miss Ekin was cast as Katharine Rodgers and won general admiration by her naturalness and grace.

In the part of Katharine's friend, Miss Nelle Hudson was bright and natural.

Last, though by no means least, we have Patty. Here Miss Callaghan gave a delightful impersonation and with her vivacity put very life into the performance.

The Erodelphians deserve credit for a most praiseworthy production.

The program :

Reading of Minutes by Secretary,
Miss Della Wagner
President's Address, Mr. Charles W. Seaton
Vocal Solo, - Mrs. David Blair

MR. BOB,

A COMEDY IN TWO ACTS,

By Rachel E. Baker.

CHARACTERS.

Philip Royson, - Mr. Orrin Williams
Robert Brown, clerk of Benson & Benson,
Mr. Arthur Murray
Jenkins, Miss Rebecca's butler,
Mr. Ralph Radcliffe
Rebecca Luke, a maiden lady,
Miss Edna Heck
Katherine Rodgers, her niece,
Miss Alice Ekin
Marion Bryant, Katherine's friend,
Miss Nellie Hudson
Patty, Miss Rebecca's Maid,
Miss Loretta Callaghan
Music by Orchestra.

The Huyghenians had a large attendance at their open meeting, Saturday evening, January 25, 1902, and merit the praise they received.

Mr. G. D. Fleck, in his remarks as

president, struck a helpful note and each number on the program possessed vital excellences.

Part II, of the program, was given up to the artistic little play—"A Song at the Castle," which, though not devoid of dramatic interest, is largely attractive because of the opportunity for picture effects. And this feature was made prominent.

Mr. Buchanan as Lord Cornwallis, met with immediate favor and was perfectly at ease in his role.

Mr. Warren read color and vitality into his lines as Desmond O'Moigne and gave us a real treat in his rendering of the song "The Wearing of the Green."

Miss V. Yoder, Messrs. Adair, Cunningham and McCreight played their respective parts with genuine effectiveness.

Eileen Fitzgerald was delightfully portrayed by Miss Opal Berthel, whose intelligent instructions kept the lines constantly bright.

We cannot but believe that the power thus accumulated through strong work will serve to keep up the enthusiasm and general good spirit of the society.

The program :

PART I.

Reading of Minutes.

Piano Solo, - "Aufforderung zum Tanz"

Miss Carrie Sweeney

Declamation, "The Decisive Battle of
the Rebellion"

C. W. Barnett

Music, - - "Two Roses"

Huyghenian Quartette

Essay, - "What the Man in the
Moon Dreamed"

Miss Alice O'Neil

Huyghenian Gen, - Miss Lizzie Yoder

Piano Solo, - Miss Verna Tomb

Orchestra.

PART II.

"A SONG AT THE CASTLE."

Characters:

Cornwallis,	-	Ernest Buchanan
Desmond O'Moigne,	-	J. B. Warren
Col. Humphrey Morton,	Clarence M'Creight	
Sir Richard Wilde,	-	Will Adair
Marquis de la Valiere,	Samuel Cunningham	
A Servant,	- -	Irwin Shaffer
Lady Wyndham,	-	Vida Yoder
Eileen Fitzgerald,	- -	Opal Berthel

Athletics.

The base ball season of 1902 at Normal promises to be one of the most brilliant in the history of the school. With the arrangements such that every student will be enabled to attend, with almost all the champion team of last year in school, and a number of star players from whom to choose in order to fill the vacancies, enthusiasm should be at fever heat. Mr. Robertson, who as manager, is making the preliminary arrangements, has already secured games with some of the leading college teams, and the strongest amateur teams of Western Pennsylvania will be given a chance to lower Normal colors. Mr. Edmundson, as coach and captain, will have the support of all the students, as his ability as a coach and player is recognized. It is probable that games will be played at home with Westminster, W. & J., California Normal, Kiski, St. Vincent, Waynesburg, Johnstown, Punxsutawney, Altoona Monarchs and others.

Prof. Edmundson is gaining quite a reputation as a basket ball player. He is a member of the strong Indiana A. A. team. In one game he scored 38 of the team's 76 points.

The Middlers' Sleigh Ride.

On Tuesday, January 28, the Middle Class of the Normal went sleighing. As the class consisted of thirty girls and only three boys, the Faculty kindly gave permission to invite twelve boys. The chaperons were Miss Sauvage and Prof. Owens.

It was decided to go to Elderton, and when the tally-hoes drew up at the front door, there could not have been seen a happier crowd than that one.

Most of the sleighs arrived at Elderton at noon. After a little time in which to get warm, slips were drawn for the tables. A bountiful dinner was then served. From dinner until three o'clock we played games and danced.

Returning, the wind was not so bitter, and all joined in the songs and class yells.

When, at last, the party alighted, at the front door, tired, but merry, a final class yell was given, which brought the students to the windows:

Pioneer! Pioneer! Rah! Re!

Rah, Rah, Rah, Rah, 'o3!

The Sub-Special Sleigh Ride.

On January 24, the Subs and Specials took their annual sleigh-ride, leaving Normal for Blairsville at 8:30.

After arriving at Blairsville they went to Armory Hall, when all danced until two o'clock. They then returned to the hotel where a chicken and waffle dinner was served, after which some of the boys seemed to enjoy strolling out toward the Seminary. They arrived home about nine o'clock, rather cold, but each face

seeming to say, "We are ready to go again."

The School is greatly indebted to the Maryland State Geological Survey, which is directed by Johns Hopkins University, for a valuable collection of shells of the Miocene period. They were sent to the President of the Board of Trustees, Mr. Sutton, who always has his eyes open for things of interest and value to the School. We are always delighted to receive such additions to our Museum as may be of interest and value.

The Normal rejoiced to welcome Prof. Carter during his holiday visit east. He is much engrossed in building a house in his new Colorado home. He will be east again next Commencement time and we hope then to have further good news to tell.

Miss Gordon visited Miss Harriet Andrews 'oo, at her home in East Liverpool, Ohio, during the holidays.

Mr. Hammers attended institute at Houtzdale the first week of February.

Rub a dub dub
I am only a sub,
But I know where the waffles grow finest.
You take the best load,
And you take the first road,
And when you reach Blairsville
Thou dinest.

A Junior gay, I do nothing but play
Or long for a good time coming;
When a Middler blue or a Senior true
They won't ask me, "Well, who are you?"

The Dormitory.

On the 23rd of November the boys of the Dormitory spent one of the most enjoyable evenings of the term. With feasting and games they were most royally entertained by the ladies and faculty of the dormitory. For a long time the boys had been anticipating this. The new students, having been told by the old students about former receptions, were polishing up their jokes and whetting their appetites. At 8:30 on this memorable evening nearly every boy was assembled in the boys' reception room. The faculty and ladies gave them a hearty welcome and handshake. A few of the faculty being late, as they most generally are, these were obliged to circumnavigate the whole room and greet every person individually. After all were assembled, the jokes and stories began to fly from one end of the room to the other.

But suddenly these were brought to silence by the appearance of the ladies and two post-graduate girls with the refreshments. How those oysters, the salad, the sherbert and the other daintily prepared viands disappeared was a mystery even to the boys themselves.

Feeling satisfied that they had done ample justice to their appetites, the boys turned out into the hall to engage in the royal game of clothes pins. Such excitement has never since been equalled; the shouts rang again and again throughout the house.

But as it was getting late each fellow stationed himself at the stairway and Mr. Hammers took a flashlight. Then gathering in a knot by the door of the reception room the boys sang their

evening farewell in the old familiar song, "Good Night Ladies."


Senior Sleigh Ride.

One of the pleasant events in the history of the Class of '02 is the sleigh ride to Marion Center on January 28. The Seniors, Post-graduates, and College Preparatory Students, together with Prof. and Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Hammers, and Mrs. Mitchell left the Normal about 8 o'clock. On the way there were races and a great deal of yelling for class, and school.

After what seemed a short time, the party arrived at Marion. Some who were not cold went to the dancing hall, while others engaged in social conversation, and enjoyed the music in the hotel parlor.

At 11.30 Prof. Robertson appeared with a number of slips some having the word "dinner" while others were blank. Those who were fortunate enough to get the "dinner" slips soon found themselves around a table of good things. They kindly remembered the hungry ones outside, and, as soon as possible exchanged places with those in the parlor and dancing hall. The time the people at the second table spent there was proportionate to the time they had had to wait.

After dinner the time was pleasantly spent in dancing and other ways until 3 o'clock, when the party started for Indiana reaching there in season to get warm and comfortable before going to dinner.

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